

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT**AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE SEPARATE REPRESENTATION FOR
LABRADOR**

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-228, an Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, it is my intention today to introduce a Bill which will establish a separate geographic riding for the area known as Labrador. Labrador is a distinct geographical entity with clearly defined boundaries. It stands historically, culturally, socially, logistically and politically apart from the rest of the province. I believe that this legislation is supported by the people of Labrador and I hope this House will send it to committee for further investigation and study.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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RAILWAY ACT**MEASURE TO AMEND**

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-229, an Act to amend the Railway Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Manly: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to amend the Railway Act to require all railways operating within the provinces to comply with the environmental and safety standards of those provinces. Specifically it would require seeking provincial authority for any spraying that takes place on rights-of-way.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ron Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 44, 215 and 264.

Order Paper Questions

[Text]

CHILD BATTERY SYNDROME**Question No. 44—Mr. Howie:**

Did the Government undertake, or has it initiated in the current fiscal year, any studies relating to the effect of child battery syndrome and, if so (a) are the studies to be carried out by outside consultants and in what time frame (b) was any amount allocated to the studies and, if so, what amount?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Justice and National Health and Welfare as follows:

The Department of Justice has not undertaken in the current fiscal year, any studies relating to the effects of the child battery syndrome. Nevertheless, the Department had allocated a contribution of \$23,395 to the Canadian Council on Children and Youth for the purpose of conducting a national consultation on the Report of the Committee on Sexual Offences Against Children and Youth. The allocation covered the time period from March, 1984 to October, 1984.

The following projects have been carried out by private organizations in the fiscal year 1984-85:

1. A three-year \$2.2 million National Study on Sexual Offences Against Children and Youth, (chaired by Dr. Robin Badgley), was carried out by an outside consultant from 1981 to 1984. The Department of National Health and Welfare's contribution in 1981-82 was approximately \$22,000, and 1980-81, \$68,000. The findings of this study were released by joint press release on August 22, 1984, by the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Justice.

2. "Parent Enrichment Project". A project funded by the National Welfare Grants Program intended to demonstrate how support to parents can prevent the incidence of recidivism of child abuse. Duration: 1979-85 (approximately). Funding in 1984-85: \$7,000.

3. "Intervention for Women Sexually Victimized in Childhood". Project designed to assess which therapeutic models are best suited to reinstate mental health and social functioning in victims. Funded by the National Welfare Grants Program. Duration: 1983-87. Funding in 1984-85: \$50,400.

4. "Parent and Child Therapy". The purpose of this project was to demonstrate an intensive long-term treatment program for abusive parents and their pre-school children. Funded by the National Welfare Grants Program. Duration: 1979-85. Funding in 1984-85: \$7,000.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—FEMALE EMPLOYEES**Question No. 215—Mr. Howie:**

As of the last date for which information is available, what proportion of the employees of the Department of Agriculture were women?

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture): 26.2 per cent.